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Water Flushing After Building Closures

PURCELLVILLE, Va. (May 22, 2020) — The Town of Purcellville would like to remind customers that building closures due to COVID-19 can have a significant impact on water quality. Water stagnation can lead to the growth of some types of bacteria, some of which can be disease-causing, such as *Legionella*. Ideally, weekly water flushing should be performed while the building is unoccupied. If that is not possible, the water lines must be flushed prior to occupants returning to the building. Remember to flush the entire building, including all water-using appliances such as dishwashers and ice machines. Flushing will replace the stagnant water with fresh water from the Town's distribution system. For more detailed guidance, please review the attached flyer and visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked "Safest City" in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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IMPORTANT WATER QUALITY NOTICE



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- Open all cold water faucets and let run simultaneously for 15 to 30 minutes.
- Open hot water faucets and let run until cold. Alternatively, if possible, drain hot water tanks directly.
- Be sure to flush all water-using appliances, such as ice makers, coffee machines with direct water lines, and dishwashers.
- Replace all filters and clean aerators attached to faucets.
- You may need to bypass any water treatment systems, like water softeners, to ensure effective flushing.

FLUSHING MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO REOPENING THE BUILDING!

FOR BUILDING FLUSHING TIPS AND GUIDANCE, VISIT

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<https://www.awwa.org/Resources-Tools/Resource-Topics/Coronavirus>

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